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SUBJECT: SOVIET TANKS FOR PERU

REF: LIMA 9229

1. INDEPENDENT "EL MERCURIO" CARRIED SMALL ITEM (REUTER-LATIN) ON CABLE PAGE DEC 20 ENTITLED "SOVIET TANKS FOR PERU?" QUOTING WASHINGTON POST STORY TO EFFECT THAT SHIPMENT OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TANKS IS ONLY "THE BEGINNING OF A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM MOSCOW FOR COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA."

2. SAME DAILY TODAY CARRIES ANOTHER SMALL ITEM ON CABLE PAGES (REUTER-LATIN) UNDER HEAD "PERU CONFIRMS PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN ARMS". PRES. VELASCO QUOTED AS SAYING "PERU IS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY AND DOES NOT HAVE TO ASK PERMISSION OF ANYONE FOR ITS DECISIONS." IN ADMITTING PURCHASE VELASCO QUOTED "IT'S NO SIN", ADDING "WE'RE NOT GOING TO WAIT WITH OUR HANDS IN OUR POCKETS WHILE OTHER NEARBY COUNTRIES ARE PURCHASING (ARMS)". OTHER QUOTES SIMILAR TO INFO CONTAINED REFTEL.

3. NO COMMENTARIES TO DATE.

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Message Attributes

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